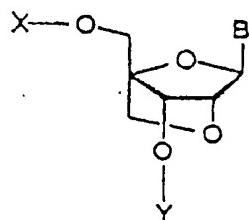


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IN THE SPECIFICATION

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The structure of a nucleoside analogue according to the present invention is a nucleoside analogue of the following general formula (I)



(I)

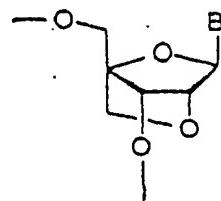
where B is a pyrimidine or purine nucleic acid base, or an analogue thereof, and X and Y are identical or different, and each ~~represents~~ represents a hydrogen atom, and alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an ~~alkinylalkynyl~~ alkynyl group, a cycloalkyl group, an aralkyl group, an aryl group, an acyl group, or a silyl group, or an amidite derivative thereof.

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The ~~alkinylalkynyl~~ alkynyl group represents a straight chain or branched chain ~~alkinylalkynyl~~ alkynyl group with 2 to 20 carbon atoms. Its examples include ethynyl, propynyl, and butynyl.

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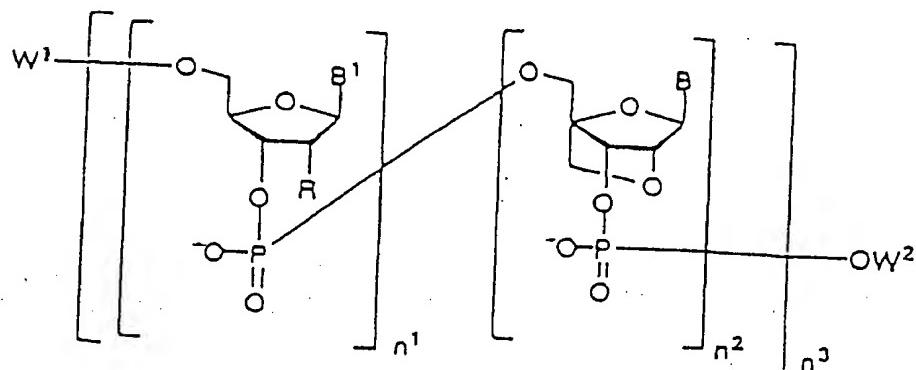
The nucleotide analogue of the present invention is an oligonucleotide or polynucleotide analogue having one or more structures of the general formula (Ia)



(Ia)

where B is a pyrimidine or purine nucleic acid base, or an analogue thereof,

or an oligonucleotide or polynucleotide analogue of the general formula (II)



(II)

where B¹ and B are identical or different, and each represents a pyrimidine or purine nucleic acid base,

or an analogue thereof, R is a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a halogen atom, or an alkoxy group,

W¹ and W² are identical or different, and each ~~represents~~ represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an ~~alkiny~~alkynyl group, a cycloalkyl group, an aralkyl group, an aryl group, an acyl group, a silyl group, a phosphoric acid residue, a naturally occurring nucleoside or a synthetic nucleoside bound via a phosphodiester bond, or an oligonucleotide or polynucleotide containing the nucleoside, n¹'s or n²'s are identical or different, and each denote an integer of 0 to 50, provided that n¹'s or n²'s are not zero at the same time, and that not all of n²'s are zero at the same time, n³ denotes an integer of 1 to 50, provided that when n¹ and/or n² are or is 2 or more, B¹ and B need not be identical, and R's need not be identical.

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The pyrimidine or purine nucleic acid base in the present invention refers to ~~thymin~~thymine, uracil, cytosine, adenine, guanine, or a derivative thereof.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. A nucleoside analogue of the following ~~general~~ formula (I)